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German Patent No. 197 34412 A1, published February 12, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,908,607, issued, June 1, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 3,873,469, issued March 25, 1975;

Great Britain Patent No. 1 583 571, issued January 28, 1981; and

European Patent Application No. 0 455 491 A2, published November 6, 1991.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.


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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a European Search indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Also, for the German document (DE A1 19734412), a copy of the corresponding U.S. patent is enclosed (U.S. Patent No. 5,908,607). See, the Annex to the European Search Report.

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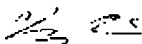
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